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Amendment

Please replace claim 6 with amended claim 6 as follows:

6. The die according to claim 1, characterized in that an axial motion of the die insert is limited by its abutting action against the front-end face of the die holder.

Please replace claim 7 with amended claim 7 as follows:

7. The die according to claim 1, characterized in that the angle of rotation of the die insert is about 10 to 30°.

Please add the following as new claim 10:

10. The die according to claim 7 wherein the angle of rotation is about 20°.

Remarks

This amendment is in response to the office action mailed September 25, 2002 in which claims 1-9 were rejected under §112. In response applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 and added new claim 10 to overcome the various §112 rejections.

Claims 1-10, as presently amended are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. A die for a rotary compression press, comprising a die holder [axially supported in a guide bore] and a die insert which is seated in [the] an end-side bore in a front-end face of the die holder, the die insert having [via] a trunnion-shaped projection which is seated in the end-side bore and [is adapted to be] mounted via releasable fastening means, [characterized in that the projection is helically guided in the bore] the projection being adapted to rotate in the die bore between axially spaced stops [and is biased by a spring towards the associated front-end face of the die holder] by means of a cooperation of threaded spindle and spindle nut means and to be biased by a spring towards the front-end face.
2. The die according to claim 1, characterized in that that a threaded spindle is connected, in a non-rotary relationship, to [the] a free end of the projection and the bore has disposed therein, in a non-rotary relationship, a spindle nut with which the threaded spindle interacts.
6. The die according to claim 1, characterized in that [the] an axial motion of the die insert is limited by its abutting action against the front-end face of the die holder.
7. The die according to claim 1, characterized in that the angle of rotation of the die insert is about 10 to 30°[, preferably about 20°].

Please add the following as new claim 10:

10. The die according to claim 7 wherein the angle of rotation is about 20°.